



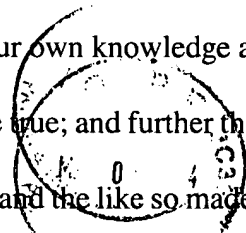
DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

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declare: that my citizenship, residence address, and post office address are as set forth above; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled PROCESS FOR IMPROVING YIELD OF DFB LASERS, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. 10/694,433 on October 27, 2003; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



I hereby appoint as my attorneys and/or patent agents all attorneys and/or patent agents listed under the following Customer Number, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

DATED this 28th day of Feb, 2004.

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